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August Moon Festival, August 19th

B o s t o n Chinatown's Fourth Annual August Moon Festival will be held Sunday, August 19, 1973, from noon to midnight, and promises to be a spirited "community day" filled with gala activities for both

young and old.

Heading the planning committee this year is Ronald D. Yee, assisted by a large staff and executive committee representing various organizations in Chinatown. The Festival is being co-sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Public Celebrations and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA).

At noon Sunday, Aug. 19, the ceremonial lion dance-complete with fireworks and the traditional clanging, will formally open the

Festival, which will feature a wide range of activities and events.

Coinciding with the August Moon Fest will be another major program for Chinatown - groundbreaking ceremonies for Chinatown's first outdoor recreational playground. The construc-

tion of the playground represents the realization of more than three years of discussion and planning by community members. The groundbreaking ceremonies will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. behind the Edison Generating Plant.

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Pagoda Park Groundbreaking

Chinatown will hold ground breaking ceremonies for its new playground facility - Pagoda Park - on SUNDAY, August 19, at 1 p.m. The groundbreaking will coincide with the community's annual August Moon Festival Day.

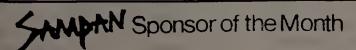
In addition to speeches by various Chinese and City

dignitaries, and the breaking of the soil, a dragon
dance and fireworks will
herald the start of the
construction of the new
park.

Plans for a pagoda gate entrance will be drawn by the City and submitted for approval to the Pagoda Park Committee. The park will be fenced and contain bleachers, volleyball and basketball courts.

On July 19, Frank Chin and Davis Woo, both nominated by the Pagoda Park Committee, to co-sign for the Chinatown committee signed a 5-year lease with the Massachusetts Pike Authority assistant.

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Clinic Director Quits in Dispute

James C. Fong, executive director of the Boston Chinese Community Health Service, Inc., resigned at the termination of his contract July 31, 1973, after extensive re-hiring talks and negotiations broke down.

Fong was hired on August 1, 197**2**, for a one-year contract period as the first director of the Health Service.

In a four-page memo to his staff, Fong explained why he felt he could no longer continue as the clinic's director.

"My feelings are that what has started out as an absurd situation two weeks ago became inch-by-inch, more ridiculous. The final result is that I have decided that I cannot continue in my capacity as the director," Fong wrote.

The situation Fong referred to began with decision on July 17, 1973, by the Health Service's Board of Directors (whose term has since expired) at its final meeting. They recommended to the Board of Directors termination of Fong as director because of "general dissatisfaction" over his first year's performance.

The recommendation according to Fong, came as a surprise to him, since an earlier preliminary evaluation in May, 1973, by the old Board, identified Fong's good and weak points without any strong sentiments of dissatisfaction to the extent of termination.

In response to Board's recommendation and its list of ten specific complaints, Fong concluded ... An Absurd Situation...

"none of the complaints was clear-cut, black or white, or right or wrong, that none of the accusations was by itself or taken together firm basis for termination!

Fong pointed out to the new Board of Directors on July 24 that evaluation of "a first-year director in a start-up operation" should be based on the ability to start the operation successfully and to take definite steps to develop the Health Service's programs. He further noted that "my desire and ability to continue working with the Board are in very serious doubt. '

At the meeting on July 24--a week before Fong's contract was to expire--the 11-member board voted 4-2 to offer Fong a six-month contract, at the same salary, after which time there would be an evaluation and further discussion over his re-hiring.

Fong rejected the offer and presented his letter of resignation, noting that "there remains little hope for a viable relationship between myself and the Board," as the Board was unable to decide between termination and a 12-month contract.

The Board on July 26 voted to not accept Fong's letter of resignation and suggested further negotiation, beginning with the extension of a three-month contract.

This Fong also rejected. He writes, "It is obvious to me that the focus of the evaluation of my performance will remain in those functions, which I am not reasonably able to respond to and fulfill immediately:

"That what accomplishments I have achieved have not been and most likely will not be, acknowledged; and that if I were to continue, I would have to work under extremely unfavorable and personally trying conditions."

Fong said he would continue to assist the Health Service staff on an "informal basis," but would retain "neither responsibility nor authority."

Francis Chang, chairman of the Health Service's Board of Directors, was not available for comment.

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AUGUST MOON FEST



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On the main stage (Beach St. and Edinboro St.) Mayor Kevin White and other dignitaries are expected to welcome quests and friends to the community's special festivities. Also to be staged there will be gungfu demonstration, a dance troupe of youngsters from Quong Kow School, Chinese elders from the Kew Sing Music Club, performing on traditional/classical musical instruments and other performances. An interesting feature will be the pie eating contest.

Throughout the day, ten c r a f t workshops called "Jamboree" from Summerthing will provide the kiddies a wide range of creative challenges - including the silk - screening of special August Moon Festival 1973

T-shirts.

Okinawan, Korean and Chinese martial arts will

Pagoda Park FROM Pg. 1

The lease for the basketball court area was signed for only one-year as tentative plans call for an off-ramp to be built from the Southeast Expressway through the court to a proposed new arena scheduled to be at South Station.

Construction expenses for the playground will be borne by the City of Boston.

Opening day ceremonies will be scheduled for early fall when the construction of Pagoda Park is completed.

be demonstrated on a roped off area on the surface artery (diagonally across of China Cinema). That area will also provide space for a volleyball exhibition.

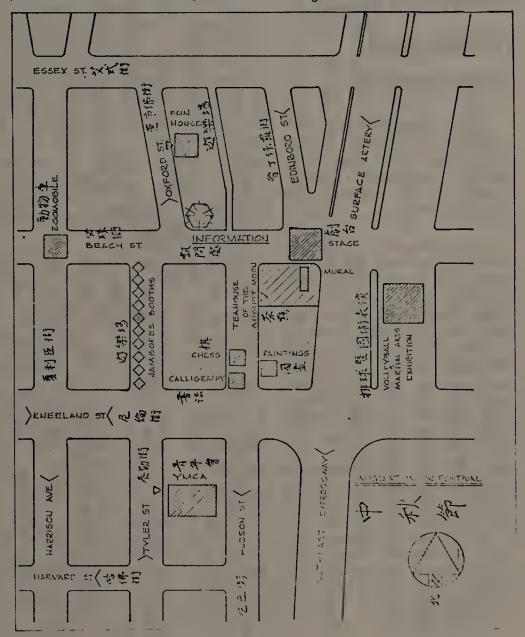
Chinese films with English sub-titles will be shown continuously at the Chinese Merchants Building while cartoons for the kiddies will run from 8-9 p.m. at the Teahouse, the

mini - playground at the corner of Beach and Hudson Streets.

The Teahouse will also serve as a focal point for most people-featuring traditional moon-cake and assorted Chinese pastries and beverages. Several musical instrumental groups will also be performing there, offering festival goers a place to relax.

The old On Leong Auditorium will provide space for a fun house to entertain the younger set.

Culminating the day's activities will be a dance at the YMCA Bubble (46 Tyler St.) from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.



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CACA Multi-Service Center Moves Into New Headquarters

In mid-August the CACA Multi-Service Center will move its office from its present quarters at 78 Tyler St. across the street to its newly renovated office at 85 Tyler St.

The Center has been operating for 13 months from an office in the Maryknoll Sisters Center. The space was inadequate as representatives of the Division of Employment Security (DES), Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Social Security operated

Knights, YMCA in Volleyball Tournament

Teams from Boston's Chinatown will compete in the 29th Annual East Coast Volleyball Tournament in Washington, D. C., over the Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 2-3.

The tournament, in addition to its host and defending 1972 championship team Washington, D. C., features teams representing New York, San Francisco, and Toronto.

During the tournaments 29-year history, Boston has captured the heralded East Coast Volleyball championship only twice: the Knights Chinese Athletic Club in 1968 in N. Y. winning the cup and two years later in 1970 - the championship then going to the Boston Restaurant Association's team.

As of press time, the only volleyball teams set to represent Boston are the Knights and the YMCA, although a couple of others are uncertain.

from this small office area.

The new office will be paneled in white, have recessed lighting, reddish orange carpeting and a reception area for visitors. When renovations are completed, the CACA Multi-Service Center will continue to provide services to the Chinese community.

To mark the Center's relocation, a formal dedication ceremony will be held in September.

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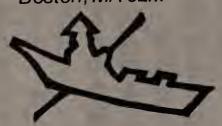
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